Chapter 9:  
HOW TO HAVE POWER OVER THE ENEMY  
(The Baptism with the Holy Spirit)

Now that we are saved, we can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and receive the following benefits: experience God on a deeper, more intimate level; be empowered to live the Christian life; become greater witnesses of Jesus to others; have power over Satan and the evil he tries to bring to our lives; better hear God’s voice; receive His direction; know the mind of God for events to come; receive joy and peace, even in tough times; gain boldness and courage to talk about Jesus to others; receive help to pray the perfect prayer to God, even when we do not know how to pray; and receive guidance and direction in our daily lives.

The Holy Spirit’s Identity and Purpose for the Believer

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
   A. He is God (Acts 5:3-4).
   B. He is the third Person of the Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Ghost (1 John 5:7).
   C. He is not a thing or some force. He is a person. (The Bible refers to the Holy Spirit in the personal pronoun He or Him.) (John 16:13-15)
   D. The Holy Spirit is all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere present.

2. What is the Holy Spirit’s purpose?
   A. Jesus said, “I will send you another Comforter, or Someone just like Me” (John 14:16).
   B. The Holy Spirit was given the special responsibility of taking the place of Jesus on the earth.
   C. The Holy Spirit’s responsibility is to reveal and show Jesus to the world.
   D. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do the works that Jesus did (the continuation of His ministry).
   E. “Comforter” in the Greek is called Parakleos. It means that the Holy Spirit is the comforter, standby, advocate, intercessor, teacher, friend, guide, counselor, strengthener, leader, helper, and partner.

3. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?
   A. The Holy Spirit draws people to Jesus (John 16: 8-11, 14).
   B. The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to produce Christ (Romans 8:9).

4. Why is the Holy Spirit important to the believer?
   A. Helps us love God and walk in love (Romans 5:5).
   B. Helps us obey God (1 Peter 1:22).
   C. Helps us worship God effectively (John 4:24).
D. Helps us **pray effectively** (Romans 8:26).
E. His anointing helps us **minister God’s Word** (1 Peter 1:12).
F. Helps us **witness for Jesus Christ and reach the lost** (Acts 1:8).
G. His anointing helps us **cast out demons** (Matthew 12:28).
H. The Holy Spirit working within us helps us **have joy** (Romans 14:17).
I. Strengthens us to **gain victory over flesh and sin** (Galatians 5:16).

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**The Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

The baptism with the Holy Spirit supernaturally equips Christians with power from heaven for effective witness and service.

A. The experience is subsequent to salvation (it does not happen at salvation) *(Acts 19:2).*

B. It is evidenced by believers speaking in a language given by the Holy Spirit and is unknown to the one speaking.

C. The baptism with the Spirit enables Christians to build up our own spiritual lives by direct communication with God, and it is the doorway to the nine supernatural gifts of the Spirit.

D. The baptism with the Holy Spirit gives us the endowment of power to do the works of Jesus in the earth *(Luke 4:1-18).*

E. Through the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we receive God’s power to: heal the sick, cast out demons, witness and win the lost with a greater passion, do supernatural miracles, boldly preach the Gospel, flow in the supernatural gifts of the Spirit *(Mark 16:17-18; John 7:37-38)*, flow in a new dimension of praise and worship, resist Satan and overcome the flesh.

F. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a free gift available to every believer *(Luke 11:13; Acts 2:38-39).*

G. Receiving the baptism with the Holy Spirit is accompanied by the believer speaking in tongues *(Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6).* God wants us to receive this gift of the Holy Spirit to enhance our Christian life and to be empowered for service. The discipler is ready to minister the baptism with the Holy Spirit to you.

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**Group Exercise**

Disciplers will share their experiences with receiving the Holy Spirit and explain what He has done for them personally. Disciplers will then ask who would like to receive this
experience. Read over the following steps, then minister the steps to group members. If you do not feel you are prepared to minister the Holy Spirit, go to the church and ask a minister to help you.

**Steps to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

1. The scripture says that we must ask for the Holy Spirit (*Luke 11:13*). Pray a prayer asking God to baptize and/or fill you with the Spirit. Have the disciple to pray, “Heavenly Father, I desire to receive the Holy Spirit. I ask You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I expect to speak with other tongues.”

2. Begin to praise and thank God for filling you with the Holy Spirit.

3. After praising God in your natural language for a few moments, as an act of faith, open your mouth and start speaking out the new language that God gives you.

4. There are two hindrances to receiving the Holy Spirit:
   
   **A.** A lack of faith, or  
   **B.** A lack of yielding your tongue to the Lord.

   The Word of God gives us the faith to believe God. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (*Romans 10:17*). Many people struggle with yielding their tongue because they are waiting for something to overtake them and make them speak in tongues. Yielding the tongue involves opening our mouths and moving our tongues to allow the Holy Spirit to give us the utterance. It is us and our tongues that do the speaking, not the Holy Ghost.

   The Holy Ghost waits for us to open our mouths, and then He gives the utterance (*Acts 2:4*).

**NOTE TO DISCIPLER:** If new convert needs further understanding, or if you sense there is some doubt, encourage them to read Apostle Williams’ book *Understanding and Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

**The Benefits of Our New Prayer Language**  
(Understanding the Need for Tongues)

1. When we pray or speak in tongues, we spiritually **build faith** inside our spirits (*1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 20*).

2. We experience more of the Holy Spirit’s power to **help fulfill the Great Commission** (*Mark 16:17-18*).

3. We call forth **God’s secret truths** and hidden things (His mysteries) (*1 Corinthians 14:2*).
4. We speak the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11b).
5. When we do not know what or how to specifically pray the Holy Spirit helps us pray and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26).
6. We offer perfect prayers to the Lord when we pray in tongues (Romans 8:27).
7. We pray for things beyond our knowledge and comprehension (Romans 8:26).
8. Tongues causes our spirits to stand side by side with the Holy Spirit, claiming all God’s promises regarding our heritage (Romans 8:16, 26-27).
9. Speaking in tongues builds up our spirits and refreshes us (Isaiah 28:11-12; 1 Corinthians 14:2).
11. Praying in tongues releases wisdom, guidance, and discernment (1 Corinthians 2:7; 14:2).
13. We can speak in tongues at will. We do not have to wait for a special feeling (1 Corinthians 14:14-15).

DISCUSSION QUESTION: The discipler should ask the disciple the following question: “Which one of these prayer language benefits do you need the most?” Pray for the disciple if he/she needs to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues.

ASSIGNMENT: If you receive the Holy Spirit experience, go share it with the person you are witnessing to.